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Directly Speaking

By: William H. Spaulding-Director GSW/WD

As the season of spring 1980 sets upon us there are some important items that must be clarified. Ufology is always a world of rumors, stories and big news scoops. In this column I hope we can set the record straight.

One of the lingering rumors of 1979 was the situation of GSW Director of Research, Todd Zechel. Mr. Zechel dropped out of ufology months ago, surrounded by rumors ranging from abduction by the CIA to leaving the country for other lines of work. The truth is much simpler than all of that. Todd left ufology over the matter of funding. Mr. Zechel is one of the few individuals who eats, sleeps and literally lives with UFO's seven days a week. This is fine for research, but does not help with ones livelihood. The old adage applies about; "It takes money to make money" and is just as true as, "Man lives by money alone". Todd unfortunately, could not afford UFO's His specialized research, which included vast sums of money for long distance phone calls, eventually caught up with him.

Mr. Zechel, I believe, did more for UFO research in his three year tenure as Director of CAUS and Director of Research for GSW, than practically anyone in the field. Much of his results were quantifiable and documented as he attempted to prove a government cover-up. His work on the 1975 NORAD overflights will always be remembered as some of the best in the field. There is no telling how far he could have gone with additional monies. However, inflation and the lack of absolute data stopped Todd, at least for the present time.

Hopefully, Todd will be able to rejoin ufology when monies are available. In the interum, all of us will miss Todd and wish him good luck in his new endeavors.

The second big news scoop, which was scheduled for early 1980 as a release date, was the crashed saucer story. This writer has documented evidence from Todd Zechel concerning the crashed disc of 1950 in Mexico. The information includes names of ex-military witnesses, their stories, and other documented tidbits. Unfortunately, GSW can not release this data until we have the necessary peripheral documents to change this incident from a story to a factual case. I am positive something will break on this case in the future. Until then, all of us must patiently await the next breakthrough in this case. For it is this type of case that must be presented as factual data if ufology is ever going to win the affection of the media and gain the proper public support it needs. GSW fully understands that without strong public support no gains will ever be made against the governments's continuing circle of redtape.

Although the situation of the lawsuit, at present, is one of wait-and-see with consistent legal stalling, we are continuing to pursue our goals with the following action assignments:

1. Finalize the culling and categorizing of all lawsuit documents, with special emphasis on the foreign countries.
2. Contact these foreign countries where valid UFO encounters have taken place, via their embassy.
3. Pursue all outstanding requests for additional information from old, unanswered FOIA inquiries.
4. Follow through with new requests for information from new leads provided by the lawsuit documents.

We will report all new information to our readership as soon as news-worthy information is obtained.

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GSW SYMPOSIUM - 1980

GSW is planning for a day long seminar later this year, during the month of November. All of GSW's previous lectures were generally with a single speaker. This year we are modifying the format by holding a day long (9:00 AM to 5:00 PM) event, specializing with a training theme. GSW is offering five major topics including: photographic analysis of the UFO pictorial data; is hypnosis a viable tool in UFO Research?; polygraphic techniques applied to UFO cases; field investigations and a continuing update on the CIA lawsuit documents. Due to requests we will offer some sessions twice.

GSW's Directors, William and James Spaulding, will be speakers. Others include: Richard Gottlieb of GSW's Research Staff and John McCarthy, renowned polygraph expert, whose credentials incorporate over 25 years, including work on the now famous (infamous?) Travis Walton abduction case. Other speakers will be announced in this bulletin. Prices are tentative at this point, however, we envision an \$8.00 charge for the entire day (\$4.00 each for the AM and PM sessions).

UFO UPDATE - PHOTO ANALYSIS

By: Editorial Staff

The decline of serious, scientific ufology is becoming more apparent each month. With each new contact claim, new book, and UFO photograph, all attempts at moving forward to establish credibility to an already abused subject, are falling short of expectations. The latest attempt to establish 'proof positive' comes in the form of a slick new UFO book, containing numerous daylight photographs and the claims of the prime witness of over 100 contacts with 'space beings'.

Under the facade of scientific investigations, including computer enhancement, laser scanning, micro-densitometry and other equally fascinating terminology, the readership of UFO: Contact From The Pleiades are lead to believe the complete scientific authenticity of the story and photographs. This book had to be written, after all it was time. Many years have transpired since George Adamski successfully published UFO contact books and presented them to the American public. The time was right. So, do it again with a time proven standard - slick detailed photographs and claims of contact with 'space brothers'.

UFO reports have come a long way since Kenneth Arnold's famous sighting back in 1947. The UFO-listening public was tired of simple UFO reports, now they had to be flashy. After all, who's interested in a series of UFOs hovering over a military base, when we can bypass this and have elaborate contact. It's like comparing two science fiction movies: The Day the Earth Stood Still (circa 1950) to the modern Star Wars or Star Trek heavily laden with special effects and visual wizardry.

The above scenario capsulates the writing efforts of UFO: Contact From The Pleiades. GSW, during the past five (5) months has received dozens of phone calls and letters asking about the expensive (twenty-plus dollars) book. Our reply was to be careful and wait for UFO researchers to evaluate the book/photographs. To date nothing has been said. It appears a waiting game is being played.

Since GSW's intent is not to start another controversy, as had been the case with previous cases of this type, we will only report the results of our analysis on ten of the photographs.

In 1977 GSW was contacted by a Wilfried Falk of West Germany, with a request to evaluate the now famous Meier Photographs. The first thing anyone interpreting the photographs will notice is the high volume of color, daylight photographs taken on so many different dates. Culling over thirty years of photographic cases, there is no record of multiple-exposures of authentic UFO's. Generally a UFO photograph is a one time experience that catches the photographer off guard, not a bi-weekly experience.

The second obvious item noticeable in all of the photographs is the clarity of the images. Many of the Meier photographs contain extreme detail, yet in the small percentile of bonafide images analyzed to date, most are inarticulate sources of light or a relatively clear disc-shaped object void of any markings or protrusions. Another observation in all of the photographs evaluated by GSW was the lack of contrast in the sky above the UO image. This appears to be more than just a coincidence especially in light of all the photographs taken.

The GSW photographic interpretation began over two and a half years ago when the organization was asked to evaluate the pictorial evidence. High resolution negatives were made from the ten 'original' photographs and distributed through our normal chain of photographic analyzers. Representatives from two of the photographic firms and our own consultants "conventionally" evaluated the data. We presented the UFO photos in a non-biased manner, whereas, there was no mention of multiple (continual) experiences and the claims of contact were given to the sources. Using densitometry, sizing techniques based on the film/camera data, sectional enlargements and other techniques, the photographs were all returned with negative conclusions.

The opinion of our consultants, who by now have become slightly bias with pictures of purported UFOs, were carefully weighed against that of the outside sources. In capsule form, all of the opinions indicated a hoax. Basic questions encountered during the analyses included: (1) The "sharpness of the images" compared to other features in the same photograph being extremely out-of-focus indicated, in their opinion, the closeness of the images to the camera. (2) The suggestion of a linear structure above one of the "saucers" could be construed as a supportive device. (3) The spatial placement of the UO "in a tree" in another picture was questioned.

Simultaneously, a computer analysis was conducted using close to forty sub-routines. The consensus from GSW that the UO images depicted a combination of grandiose and crude attempts to hoax a series of UFO encounters was formulated based on the following items:

- 1) All of the analyzed UO (unidentified object) images are close to the camera/witness. In reference to three of the photographs the UO appears to be located between the 'close' background trees and the camera. The camera lens is a 42mm variety and with this data the UO calculates less than four (4) feet from the camera.
- 2) In another photograph the UO image is close to the camera and revealed that a model of eight to ten inches in diameter was utilized. Pixel (picture cell) jaggedness measured for both density and waviness, and compared to other features at known distances, revealed straight edges with even densities. Logically, background features, distant from the camera, should be affected nearly proportionately to that of the UO, if the "object" was truly distant. Atmospheric effects should be comparable to all features. The UO's clearly are sharp and

there is no other conclusion that the UO's were close to the camera.

- 3) All ten pictures were digitized and each photograph revealed some type of photographic hoax technique, including:
 - a) a suspended model
 - b) the double exposure technique
 - c) the double print method
- 4) One sequence revealed a linear structure (string) above the UO images, not clearly detectable in the original, but highly discernible with computer edge (shifting) methods.
- 5) There were signs of manufacture on the model, therefore, rivets and bolts, with sizes too large in proportion, for the model's physical size.
- 6) The double exposure technique consists of filming the model UO in a dark room, then using the same film that was exposed (in the darkroom), and filming an outdoor scene. This way the UO shows up in the picture, appearing in the sky as a distant object. The UO in the darkroom is carefully lighted, but the balance of the room is black. Experiments using this technique have worked very well when GSW performed these tests. The double print technique consists of two negatives, one of the UO model and the other of the outdoors scene. Then you simply place both negatives in the enlarger and print a picture. This superimposed technique is utilized by the experienced hoaxer and requires multiple exposures off the copy device until the proper effect is obtained.
- 7) Some obvious shadow discrepancies were noted on the UO image when compared to other features as the time of day was calculated from the sun's location (position). There was also a lack of brightness or lack of density on some of the images, inconsistent to other features.

There were other discrepancies in the photographs discovered with both computer processing techniques and conventional evaluation methods. However, since many readers of UFO literature and some researchers have in the past expressed doubts about photographic interpretation methods, one need only look at the non-analysis data to form their opinions. Some of this information includes a letter to GSW, written in 1977 and statements from the personage responsible for publishing the book.

In a quote from the Arizona Republic newspaper dated December 16, 1979, Wendell Stevens said, "He (Meier) was not lecturing. He was not selling his story. He was not selling his pictures. He had no background promotion, no record of conning anyone".

Yet, in Mr. Falk's letter of 1977 to GSW he states: "Soon Mr. Meier wants to write a book about his UFO-experiences, and the opinions of the Ground Saucer Watch shall have its place in it".

Well, GSW never had its findings published in the Meier book and maybe that is to our advantage. Cases of elaborate photographs and contact with alien beings we feel do not have a place in ufology. There are far too many scientists and members of the public who question the investigative efforts of UFO researchers and the belief in the phenomenon, let alone the belief of space creatures. In our opinion, let's prove the existence of the phenomenon then worry about the intelligence behind it. In the writers opinion, we are convinced that UFO's exist, however, proof of the UFOs coming from another planet can not be established at this time.

Finally, in complete fairness to the witness, we did not evaluate all of his data. Maybe he has better photographs that would stand up to analysis, however, we have talked privately to many of the top researchers and their opinions parallel ours. It will be interesting to see their results in published form.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MUFON SYMPOSIUM - 1980

The Mutual UFO Network will be held this year in Clear Lake City, Texas (near Houston on June 7th and 8th). John Schuessler, Deputy Director of Administration for MUFON will be the acting chairman. The following speakers for this event have been confirmed: Leo Sprinkle, Stanton Friedman, Ray Stanford, Henry Monteith, Richard Niemtzow and James Oberg.

Each of the papers given by the foregoing speakers will be scientifically orientated to the theme of the Symposium, "Technology and the UFO". All speeches will be delivered on Saturday, June 7th at the Clear Lake City High School.

Walter Andrus, Director of MUFON, has stated there are beautiful hotel and motel accommodations for the symposium. Persons wishing to secure tickets and additional information should contact Mr. John Schuessler, P.O. Box 485, Houston, Texas 77058. Prices for the event are as follows:

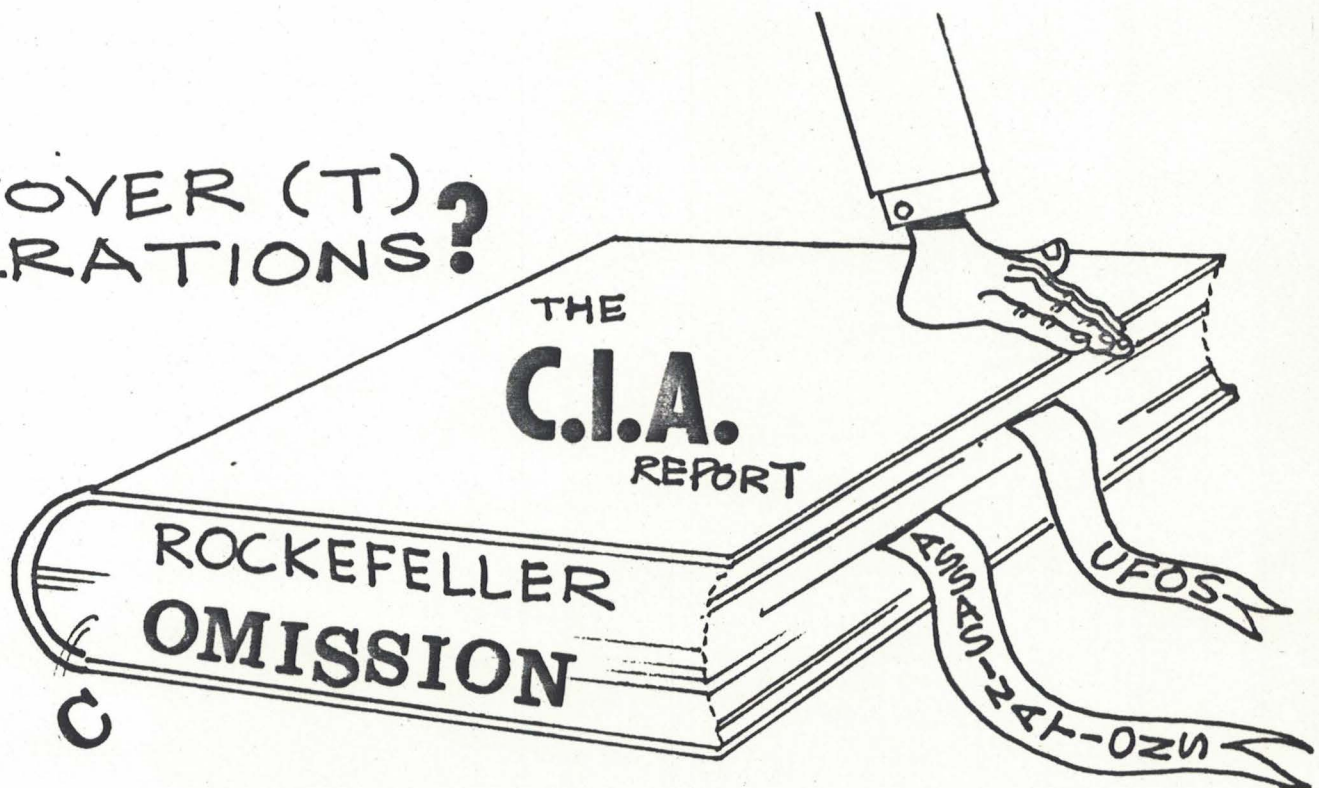
NOTE: Prices for this event were not available as the bulletin went to press. All information for this symposium can be obtained by contacting MUFON, INC. or Mr. John Schuessler.

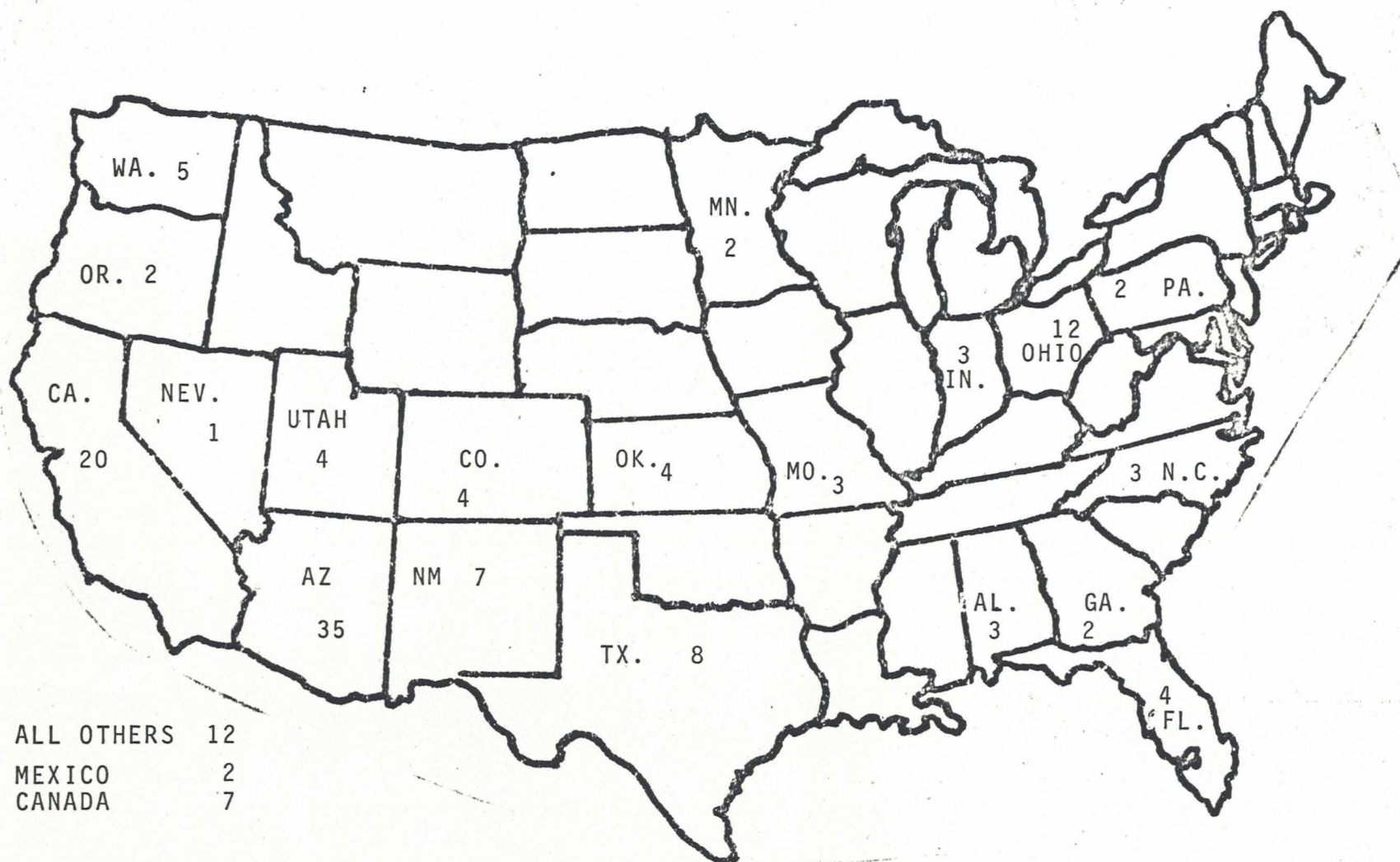
NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE

On June 20th and 21st, the largest indoor UFO convention since 1967 will be held at the Doral Inn, at Lexington Avenue and 49th Street, New York City.

The convention will be sponsored by the NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE, of which UFO researcher James W. Moseley is Chairman. This will be the 17th consecutive year that this annual event has been held in one city or another around the United States - thus making the organization the oldest of its kind in this country. Speakers include: Stanton Friedman, Betty Hill, Art Ford, Philip J. Klass, Rich Hilberg, and Robert Easley. The two public sessions of the Conference will be held on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, June 21st. Delegates and other interested persons from out of town will want to arrive on Friday the 20th and stay over until Sunday the 22nd. Special convention rates at the Doral Inn will be \$49.00 for a single room and \$61.00 for a double. Reservations should be made as soon as possible by writing to Trudy Cohen, Sales Manager, at the Doral's address (above), and enclosing a check or money order for at least one of the two nights involved. Please make sure you mention the NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE in your letter, in order to get this special convention rate. The cost of attending the two public sessions will be \$10.00 each, or \$15.00 for both. You can obtain an advance ticket for the two sessions by sending a check or money order for \$15.00 to: James W. Moseley, P.O. Box 163, Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024.

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MAP OF SIGHTINGS

Sightings logged in by GSW-East & West. All sightings do not constitute real "UFO's".

1. 150 called-in reports of UFO's.

2. 30 Reports (hard copy) received.

3. Unknown rate (%) to date - Dec. 1979 through March 1980 10.7 percent

4. AZ numbers do not include the Phoenix based advertisement airplanes.

These sightings cover the period of Dec. 1979 through March 1980 (unknowns - 14 sightings)

* 38 sightings attributed to various bright stars, the planet Venus and other celestial and conventional misinterpretations.

DATA RETRIEVALS FROM THE GOVERNMENT - PART IV

By: James A. Spaulding
GSW/E.D.

In this fourth installment updating the CIA lawsuit documents, I am offering a series of government papers revealing the continual interest of the UFO phenomenon in military installations, on a global basis, and the concern of the government officials. There is cursory information revealing a continuing cover-up of information. The readership is reminded that individual sets of lawsuit documents, averaging 40 pages, are available from GSW for \$10.00 per set (post paid in the U.S. and Canada). The original documents are very interesting to both the serious researcher and the general public.

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File No: (24-B)-28

25 May 1950

SUBJECT: Summary of observations of Aerial Phenomena in the
New Mexico Area, December 1948 - May 1950

TO: Brigadier General Joseph F. Carroll
Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D.C.

1. IN a liaison meeting with other military and government intelligence and investigative agencies in December 1948, it was determined that the frequency of unexplained aerial phenomena in the New Mexico area was such that an organized plan of reporting these observations should be undertaken. The organization and physical location of units of this District were most suitable for collecting these data, therefore, since December 1948, this District has assumed the responsibility for collecting and reporting basic information with respect to aerial phenomena occurring in this general area. These reports have been distributed to the Air Material Command, USAF, in accordance with Air Intelligence Requirements No. 4, and to other interested military and government agencies.

2. There is attached, as a part of this summary, a compilation of aerial phenomena sightings that have occurred mostly in the New Mexico area and have been reported by this District Office subsequent to December 1948. This compilation of sightings is not a complete record of all reported observations, but includes only those in which sufficient information was available to justify their inclusion. The observers of those phenomena include scientists, Special Agents of the Office of Special Investigations (IC) USAF, airline pilots, military pilots, Los Alamos Security Inspectors, military personnel, and many other persons of various occupations whose reliability is not questioned. This compilation sets forth the most important characteristics with respect to each observation and evaluates each sighting into one of three classifications, (1) green fireball phenomenon, (2) disc or variation, and (3) probably meteoric.

3. There is also attached an analysis of the green fireball occurrences in this area made by Dr. Lincoln LaPaz. Dr. LaPaz is the Director of the Institute of Meteoritics and Head of the Department of Mathematics and Astronomy at the University of New Mexico. He was Research Mathematician at the New Mexico Proving Grounds under an OSRD appointment in 1913 and 1944, and Technical Director of the Operations Analysis Section, Headquarters, Second Air Force, 1944-45. Since 1948, Dr. LaPaz has served on a voluntary basis as consultant for this District in connection with the green fireball investigations.

4. On 17 February 1949 and again on 14 October 1949, conferences were held at Los Alamos, New Mexico, for the purpose of discussing the green fireball phenomena. Representatives of the following organizations were present at these meetings: Fourth Army, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, University of New Mexico, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, University of California, U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, Geophysical Research Division Air Material Command USAF, and the Office of Special Investigations (IG) USAF. A logical explanation was not proffered with respect to the origin of the green fireballs. It was, however, generally concluded that the phenomena existed and that they should be studied scientifically until these occurrences have been satisfactorily explained. Further, that the continued occurrence of unexplained phenomena of this nature in the vicinity of sensitive installations is cause for concern.

5. The Geophysical Research Division, Air Material Command, Cambridge, Massachusetts, has recently let a contract to Lend-Air, Inc., Hooloman AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico, for a limited scientific study of green fireballs. The results of this scientific approach to the problem will undoubtedly be of great value in determining the origin of this phenomena.

6. This summary of observations of aerial phenomena has been prepared for the purpose of re-emphasizing and reiterating the fact that phenomena have continuously occurred in the New Mexico skies during the past 18 months and are continuing to occur, and secondly, that these phenomena are occurring in the vicinity of sensitive military and government installations.

Doyle Rees
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

(NORAD Overflights)

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Subj: Suspicious unknown Air activity

This message in five parts.

Part I. Since 28 Oct 75 numerous reports of suspicious objects have been received at the NORAD, Reliable Military personnel at Loring AFB Maine, Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan, Malmstrom AFB MI, Minot AFB ND, and Canadian Forces Station Falconbridge Ontario, Canada, have visually sighted suspicious objects. Part II, Objects at Loring and Wurtsmith were characterized to be Helicopters, Missile Site Personnel, Security Alert teams and Air Defense Personnel at Malmstrom Montana report an object which sounded like a jet aircraft.

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FAA advised there were no jet aircraft in the vicinity. Malmstrom search and height finder radars carried the object between 8500 ft (?) and 15,600 Ft at a speed of seven knots. There was intermittent radar contact with the object from 080753Z thru 0900Z Nov 75. F-106S scrambled from Malmstrom could not make contact due to darkness and low altitude. Site personnel reported the object as low as 200 Ft and said that as the interceptors approached the lights went out, after the interceptors had passed the lights came on again. One hour after the F106S returned to base missile site personnel reported the object increased to a high speed, raised in altitude and could not be discerned from the stars. Part III. Minot AFB on 10 Nov reported that the site was buzzed by a bright object the size of a car at an altitude of 1000 to 200 ft. there was no noise emitted by the vehicle. Part IV, this morning, 11 Nov 75, CFS Falconbridge reported search and height finder radar paints on an object.

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25 to 30 nautical miles south of the site ranging in altitude from 26,000 ft to 72,000 ft. the site commander and other personnel say the object appeared as a bright star but much closer, with binoculars the object appeared as a 100 ft diameter sphere and appeared to have craters around the outside. Part V. Be assured that this command is doing everything possible to identify and provide solid factual information on these sightings, I have also expressed my concern to SAFOI that we come up soonest with a proposed answer to queries from the press to prevent over reaction by the public to reports by the media that may be blown out of proportion. To date efforts by Air Guard Helicopters, SAC Helicopters and NORAD F106S have failed to produce positive ID.

INOZA ALERT OFFICER LOG EXTRACTS

1 October 76

Shepherd

Rec'd call from CIA rep in the NMCC wanting to know if we were investigating the report of a UFO seen by the DAO in Tehran, we haven't heard anything about it. The sighting supposedly took place on 23 September.

31 October 75

1620L Barrett

Per LTC Redican's direction, contacted CIA OPS Center and informed them of U/I flight activity over two SAC bases near Canadian border. CIA indicated appreciation and requested they be informed of any follow up activity.

Subj: Unknown Air Activity

REF: Cinchoral Conf. MSG 1121007 Nov 75

1. We believe, and OASD/PA concurs, that unless there is evidence which links sightings or unless media queries link sightings, queries can best be handled individually at the source and as questions arise. Responses should be direct, forthright and emphasize that the action taken was in response to an isolated or specific incident.

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SUBJECT: "UFO" SIGHTINGS CAUSE SECURITY CONCERN IN KUWAIT

1. A SERIES OF "UFO" SIGHTINGS ON NOVEMBER 9 CAUSED THE
GOK TO APPOINT AN INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS FROM
THE KUWAIT INSTITUTE FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (KISR).
THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT WHICH WAS RELEASED JANUARY 20 DESCRIBED
EIGHT SIGHTINGS FROM NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER 14. A NUMBER OF
THE EARLY SIGHTINGS TOOK PLACE NEAR A KUWAIT OIL COMPANY
GATHERING CENTER NORTH OF KUWAIT CITY. RELEASE OF THE
COMMITTEE'S REPORT WAS SOMETHING OF A MEDIA EVENT AS IT
COINCIDED WITH JAN 21 FRONT PAGE STORIES OF YET ANOTHER "UFO"
SIGHTING OVER KUWAIT CITY, WHICH INCLUDED PHOTOGRAPHS IN
LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

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2. THE KISR COMMITTEE REJECTED THE NOTION THAT THE
"UFO'S" WERE ESPIONAGE DEVICES BUT REMAINED EQUIVOCAL
ABOUT WHETHER THEY WERE OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL ORIGIN.
THE KISR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE, RATIB ABU ID, TOLD
EMBOFF THAT THE SCIENTISTS DID NOT KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THE
PHENOMENA TO SAY WITH CERTAINTY THAT THEY WEREN'T
"SPACESHIPS". THE REPORT WENT
ON TO RECOMMEND THAT THE GOVERNMENT TAKE ALL POSSIBLE
MEASURES TO PROTECT KUWAIT'S AIR SPACE AND TERRITORY AS
WELL AS THE COUNTRY'S OIL RESOURCES.

3. SOME LOCAL WAGS HAVE MADE LIGHT OF THE FIRST UFO
SIGHTINGS WHICH CAME NEAR THE END OF THE LONG AND
TRADITIONALLY EXUBERANT HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS OF ID-AL-ADFA.
HOWEVER WE HAVE LEARNED RECENTLY OF AN EVENT COINCIDENT WITH ONE OF THE
UFO SIGHTINGS WHICH HAS

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CONFOUNDED SOME OF OUR MOST LEVEL-HEADED KUWAITI FRIENDS. AND MAY HAVE BEEN WHAT PERSUADED THE GOK TO MAKE A SERIOUS INVESTIGATION OF THE MATTER. A SENIOR KUWAIT OIL COMPANY (KOC) OFFICIAL TOLD US THE "UFO" WHICH FIRST APPEARED OVER THE NORTHERN OIL FIELDS SEEMINGLY DID STRANGE THINGS TO KOC'S AUTOMATIC PUMPING EQUIPMENT. THIS EQUIPMENT IS DESIGNED TO SHUT ITSELF DOWN WHEN THERE IS SOME FAILURE WHICH MAY SERIOUSLY DAMAGE THE PETROLEUM GATHERING AND TRANSMISSION SYSTEM AND IT CAN ONLY BE RESTARTED MANUALLY. AT THE TIME OF THE "UFO'S" APPEARANCE THE PUMPING SYSTEM AUTOMATICALLY SHUT ITSELF DOWN AND WHEN THE "UFO" VANISHED THE SYSTEM STARTED ITSELF UP AGAIN. THIS EVENT WAS NOT ADDRESSED BY THE KISR COMMITTEE REPORT.

4. EVEN THOSE WHO ARE NOT INCLINED TO BELIEVE IN

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VISITORS FROM OUTER SPACE DO TEND TO THINK SOMETHING STRANGE HAS BEEN GOING ON IN KUWAITI AIRSPACE. THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION, FOR EXAMPLE, ABOUT HELICOPTERS OR HOVERCRAFT BRINGING REFUGEES OR MONEY OUT OF BELEAGUERED IRAN. AT THE LEAST, THE PHENOMENA HAVE STIMULATED A NEW DEGREE OF INTEREST AMONG TOP KUWAITI OFFICIALS IN THE COUNTRY'S AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM, WHICH DID NOT REACT IN ANY WAY TO THE "EVENTS" IN THE KOC NORTH FIELD BECAUSE IT WAS CLOSED DOWN FOR THE NIGHT (SEPTTEL).

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WITH PERSONAL REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE UFO SIGHTED MOROCCO.

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Editors' Note: a typical example of a sanitized government(UFO)document.
GSW maintains that if "UFO's officially do not exist" then
why all the secrecy?

Brief History on the U.S. Government
and the UFO Phenomenon (Part I)

By: GSW Research Staff

Evidence of cover-up and foul-up in the government's relationship with the public will now be presented in capsule form. Many of the excerpts were obtained from letters and documents from the U.S. Air Force and CIA.

YEAR - 1947

June 27 Pentagon answer to press queries on the Kenneth Arnold June 24 flying saucer report: "We have no idea what the objects are, if they actually exist."

July 5 Air Corps spokesman at Pentagon: "No investigation is needed the saucers are only hallucinations."

July 7 Air Corps public relations officer at the Pentagon: "We can't ignore this. Too many reliable pilots are telling the same story - flat, round objects able to outmaneuver ordinary planes and faster than anything we have. Too many stories tally.... We have a jet at Muroc (California) and fighters at Portland standing by."

July 7 Another Air Corps spokesman at the Pentagon, statement to Associated Press: "The flying saucers may be one of three things; 1) Small meteors which break-up, their crystals catching the rays of the sun; 2) Solar reflection on low hanging clouds; 3) Icing conditions could have formed large hailstones and they might have flattened even though falling vertically" (Staff Comment: We can't believe the whole thing)

July 7 Pentagon statement to all press services: "Army Air Force Intelligence officers since July 2nd have been investigating reports of unidentified flying objects at very high speeds in various sections of the country, no such phenomena can be explained by any experiments being conducted by the Army Air Force, and statements of the witnesses are being correlated in an effort to identify the reported objects."

July 8 Air Corps statement at Pentagon: "We are investigating a flying disc report by a Navy rocket engineer, C.T. Zohm and three other rocket scientists."

Sept. 23 Official analysis report from ATIC(Air Technical Intelligence Center) to General Hoyt Vandenberg, Commanding General Army Air Corps: "The reported phenomena are real."

SITUATION IN 1947: The Air Corps was skeptical, then puzzled, and finally convinced that the reported objects were real. The government issued orders for all pilots, including National Guard flyers, to bring down a flying saucer by any means for examination.

1948

Jan 8 The Air Corps statement to the press after the death of Captain Thomas Mantell, Jr. WW2 Ace: "Captain Mantell was killed while in pursuit of a flying saucer."

Jan 22 The Air Corps officially established Project Sign, a secret intelligence investigative agency. This project had a 2-A priority and included top scientists, astronomers, rocket designers, pilots and other experts under secret contract, in addition to Air Corps Intelligence Officers.

July 24 Statement by General G. Kennedy, then chief of the Strategic Air Command, after the then paraphrased "space ship" sighting by the pilots and passengers of an Eastern Airline plane: "We're completely mystified, we have nothing remotely like the machine described, I wish we did."

August Top Secret Estimate of the Situation by ATIC later declassified but never released, stating that many of the sightings of UFOs could be interplanetary spaceships.

SITUATION IN 1948: Full scale, secret, scientific investigation by the Air Corps, chases by interceptors, official radar confirmation of UFO phenomenon reality, official sighting reports with-held from the public.

1949

April 27 Air Corps name changed early in the year to Air Force. The Air Force releases a 22-page Digest of flying saucer studies at Wright Field: "In the Mantell and Eastern Airline cases the objects are still unidentified...The Air Force project is a serious, scientific business. Hoaxes and crank letters play a small part...The project is a young one."

Dec. 27 Air Force press release: "The Air Force has discontinued its special project investigating and evaluating reported flying saucers... The reports are the result of misinterpretation of various conventional objects, a mild form of mass hysteria, or hoaxes, and continuance of the project is unwarranted."

Dec. 29 Declassified Air Force secret summaries of intelligence investigations of UFOs: "It will never be possible to say with certainty that any individual did not see a space ship, an enemy missile, or some other object." Discussing the motives of possible visitors from space, the Intelligence report also stated: "Such a civilization might observe that on Earth we now have atomic bombs and are fast developing rockets. In view of the past history of mankind they should be alarmed. We should therefore expect at this time above all to behold such visitations."

SITUATION IN 1949: A time of confusion and indecision between Air Force skeptics and so-called believers in the space ship theories had developed, with some believers urging that the public body be given all the evidence. An Air Force group, within the project, believed silence is the best policy until more answers were known, decided to deny the UFOs existence-even though their own ATIC experts had declared them to be possibly interplanetary and to explain away the sightings, even those by expert witnesses.

1950

Feb 22 Air Force HQ statement after a Navy visual and radar tracking report of two UFOs at Key West Naval Air Station: "There is absolutely no evidence that flying saucers exist."

March 18 Air Force HQ statement after a dramatic increase in sightings by armed forces pilots, airline crews, radar operators, and other trained observers: "The saucers are misinterpretations of ordinary objects, aberrations, meteorological phenomena or hoaxes."

Mrch 22 Air Force statement after the published flying saucer report by Captain R.B. McLaughlin, USN, officer in charge of the Naval guided missile tests at White Sands. This report, cleared by security and reviewed at the Pentagon, described several UFO sightings at White Sands, including the report of an elliptical object over 100 feet long tracked at 18,000 MPH at an altitude of 56 miles. Air Force comment when queried about this Naval reports: "We have no evidence that the flying saucers are nothing other than hallucinations, hoaxes, and errors in identification."

Nov.1950 Published statement by Col. H.E. Watson, Chief of ATIC: "Behind nearly every report tracked down stands a crackpot, a religious crank, a publicity hound or a malicious practical joker."

SITUATION IN 1950: Air Force believers in the "spaceship answers" were under pressure to keep quiet. The Air Force investigation continued, but under a general "explaining away" policy. Ridicule was the theme of most official statements.

1951

January & February Air Force HQ statements after the publicized sighting of a cigar-shaped UFO by Capt. L.W. Vinther and his co-pilot, and CAA tower operators at Sioux City, Iowa: "We have no evidence that such objects exist; in general, such reports are hallucinations, mistakes, hoaxes, or natural phenomena."

SITUATION IN 1951: Publicly the Air Force continued to ridicule anyone reporting a UFO, but behind the scenes a new and serious investigation was ordered by Lieut. General Cobell, then Director of Air Force Intelligence.

This reversal of policy in mid-Sept. of 1951 was ordered by General Cobell when he found he had been falsely informed that every authentic UFO report was carefully checked. As a result, experts in various fields were again put under contract to help investigate UFOs.

1952

June 4 Statement by the past AF Secretary, Thomas Finletter, after an intelligence briefing: "There remains a number of sightings that Air Force investigators have been unable to explain. As long as this is true, the Air Force will continue to study 'flying saucer reports.'"

In making this public statement, the Air Force asked for detailed reports and photographs of any strange object sighted.

June 24 Air Force statement given to Look Magazine by ATIC Colonel: "The reports come from sincere people, they are not crackpots. They are seeing something, we have to find out what."

A statement for Look Magazine by Capt. E. Ruppelt, then the head of Project Blue Book: "The only conclusion we have come to so far is that "flying saucers" are not an immediate and direct threat to the United States. They have been around for five years and haven't struck yet."

But that does not infer they are not a potential threat. If the saucers turn out to be natural phenomena, we'll drop out and turn it over to the scientists. But if they turn out to be hostile vehicles, we will keep after them."

July 29 Air Force HQ statement after a huge increase in UFO sightings by pilots, CAA tower operators, and hundreds of other trained observers and reputable citizens: "Only a small percentage of reports from reliable sources remain unexplained. The rest are mistakes in identifying ordinary objects, hysteria, phenomena, and hoaxes."

July 29 Statement by Major Gen. Sanford, past Director of Air Force Intelligence, at a press conference to explain the mass of recent UFO sightings in a quotation that deals expressly with radar and visual sightings at the Washington National Airport: "I am satisfied that the returns seen Saturday night were caused by temperature inversions."

September statement by Major Lewis Norman, USAF, an expert on temperature inversions, designated to give the official Air Force viewpoint on the Washington Airport cases - an interview also attended by Albert Chop as official Air Force Press Desk witness - in which Major Norman commented on the low temperature inversions involved (1.5 to 2 degrees) and said, "They could not possibly explain the Washington sightings."

SITUATION IN 1952: Starting out again with a serious, scientific investigation, the Air Force found itself, in July, struggling with the problem of what to tell the public after the tremendous surge in sightings by highly trained observers. Faced with press demands for facts, the Air Force had two choices: They could either reveal their evidence that UFOs were real and possibly interplanetary, or they could once more brush off the reports as worthless. The latter policy was chosen, but a number of Air Force Intelligence officers continued to urge that all evidence be made available to the public.

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